

Claims

We claim:

5 1. A method for presenting information from a plurality
of information sources, comprising the steps of:
 receiving a first information item;
 sending said first information item to a first information
source and a second information source;
10 receiving a second information item from said first
information source;
 receiving a third information item from said second
information source; and
 displaying predetermined ones of said first, second and third
5 information items.

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20 2. A method for presenting information from a plurality
of information sources, comprising the steps of:
 receiving a first information item and a second information
item;
 sending said first information item to a first information
source;
 sending said second information item to a second
information source;
25 receiving a third information item from said first
information source;
 receiving a fourth information item from said second
information source; and
 displaying predetermined ones of said first, second, third
30 and fourth information items.

3. A method for presenting information from a plurality of information sources, comprising the steps of:

receiving a first information item;

5 sending said first information item to a first information source;

receiving a second information item from said first information source;

sending said second information item to a second information source;

10 receiving a third information item from said second information source;

sending said third information item as a first information item to a third information source;

15 receiving a fourth information item from said third information source; and

displaying predetermined ones of said first, second, third and fourth information items.

4. A method for updating information in a plurality of information sources, comprising the steps of:

receiving an information item in an information field;

examining attributes of said information field to determine associated information sources; and

25 sending said information item to said associated information sources.

5. A method for updating information in a plurality of information sources, comprising the steps of:

receiving an information item in an information field;

30 examining attributes of said information field to determine associated information sources;

examining said attributes of said information field to determine addresses for communicating with said information sources; and

35 sending said information item to said associated information sources at said addresses.

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6. A method for consolidating information items from a plurality of information sources onto a single screen, comprising the steps of:

5 defining a plurality of information sources;
defining a plurality of information types;
defining a plurality of information fields;
selecting an information item to be represented in each said
information field;
10 selecting an information source for each said information
item;
defining an information type for each said information item;
and
selecting a position for each said information field on said
screen.

15 7. A method for consolidating information items from a plurality of information sources into a single record, comprising the steps of:

20 defining a plurality of information sources;
defining a plurality of information types;
defining a plurality of information fields;
selecting an information item to be represented in each said
information field;
25 selecting an information source for each said information
item;
defining an information type for each said information item;
and
selecting a position for each said information field on said
record.

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